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THE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

The Republicans will hold their National Convention next year in advance of the Democrats. That will give them a chance to steal most of the Democratic thunder, except denunciation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff. That is the skeleton in the Republican closet.

That the national conventions both should be held in the West is the consensus of opinion, according to the New York World. To further the claims of the conventions the Post-Dispatch has offered \$10,000. The logic of circumstances is on its side.

It is recalled that should one party meet in St. Louis and the other in Chicago they would be following old precedents. In 1888 the Democrats at St. Louis renominated Cleveland, and the Republicans at Chicago nominated Harrison. In 1896 the two parties reversed the order of things. That year Bryan was nominated at Chicago and McKinley at St. Louis.

In 1892 the Republicans held their convention at Minneapolis, which was unable to take care comfortably of the crowds of visitors. In 1900 the Democrats made a similar mistake in selecting Kansas City, where the accommodations were altogether inadequate. The Republicans that year chose Philadelphia, to which the objection was properly made that it was too far east. Denver, where the Democratic convention met in 1908, was too far west.

For geographical reasons the National Committees are restricted to a narrow choice. They are bound to consider the convenience of delegates from forty-eight states. Centrally located, St. Louis is one of the best cities which have the necessary accommodations and the facilities for a National Convention.

Governor Harmon of Ohio, Governor Morris of Montana, former Governor Folk of Missouri and several other Democratic leaders of national prominence are scheduled to address a great rally of Democrats of the Northwest to be held in Fargo in January.

The Republican State Committee of West Virginia has decided in favor of a state-wide primary, with the State as a unit, for 1912. The decision was reached only after a prolonged fight by a number of prominent Republican leaders, who favored the so-called district unit plan.

And speaking of American girls, the latest complaint about her is that she is never taught the value of a dollar. Worse than that! She doesn't even know the value of a ten spot.

Every time a real estate man of Corpus Christi unloaded Corpus Christi dirt on some credulous person in the past, the latter made money off his investment.

At this season the paragrapher is embarrassed as to whether to predict Indian summer or mid-winter.

Our city water plant should not be used as a source of revenue. That was a double city tax.

Say men dance, then try to go
romance when it comes to pay
better.

Remember the tubercular children.
Every Red Cross seal purchased is an
act of charity.

The Naples of the Gulf is about to
launch into the tourist hotel business
in grand style.

For a free country we are very fast
acquiring too much government of
every sort.

An intrepid spirit unusually indi-
cates room to rest in one's upper
story.

A SEA LYRIC.

There is no music that man has heard
Like the voice of the minstrel Sea,
Whose major and minor chords are
fraught.

With infinite mystery—

For the Sea is a harp, and the winds
of God!

Play over his rhythmic breast,
And bear on the sweep of their
mighty wings

The song of a vast unrest.

There is no passion that man has
sung.

Like the love of the deep-souled
Sea,

Whose tide responds to the Moon's
soft light

With marvelous melody.

For the Sea is a harp, and the winds
of God!

Play over his rhythmic breast.

And bear on the sweep of their mighty
wings

The song of a vast unrest.

—William Hamilton Haynes.

The 1,000-Foot Ship.

Both Louie when mayor warned New
York to prepare for the 1,000-foot
ship. It is coming in the proposed

White Star Giant, with its twelve

decks, its golf links, swimming tank

and other devices to while away a sea-
sonal voyage.

A quarter of a century has seen

more rapid changes in ocean travel
than in railroading, from the passenger's
point of view. In 1868 the rich-
est man could not with all his money

buy a comfortable Atlantic passage

With an untroubled pain—

For the Sea is a harp, and the winds
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The Baltimore of the Gulf Coast.

Port Lavaca Wave.

The Wade Tribune wants Houston
to be known as the Baltimore of the
gulf coast and has already cornered

the subtitle. "The Texas Baltimore"

and the Wave shall object to the ac-
ceptance of the Tribune's suggestion.

Houston has gone into the seaport

and educational business on a big

scale and can call herself the New

York, Boston, London, Hamburg or

Antwerp of the gulf as she sees fit,

but Port Lavaca is already known as

the Baltimore of these parts, and will

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Miss Kenneth Maddox of Ft.

Worth, who is the greatest of Miss

Mary Pratt has been so charmed

with San Benito, that she has ex-
tended her stay much longer than

she at first anticipated doing. Miss

Maddox has been the recipient of

many favors from several parties

given in her honor since she has

been here.

W. E. Walton who recently suf-
fered severe bruises in an auto which

was knocked fifty-seven feet by the

branch train, has been out for several

days, although he is forced to use

crutches his injuries having been

largely confined to his feet.

Joe McFarland attended the Cactus

club dance on Thanksgiving.

P. W. Colgrave, the proprietor of

the San Benito Hotel is away on a

business trip to Missouri.

Prof. J. J. Callaway, the superin-
tendent of the San Benito schools re-
turned yesterday from a four days

trip to the convention at Houston.

R. F. Woodward of New York is

expected to leave for that place this

afternoon. Mr. Woodward was for-

merly the school superintendent here

and recently returned for a brief

business visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Purvis, former

residents of San Benito have return-

ed to make their home here. Mr.

Purvis is at present erecting an at-

tractive residence in the new addition

in San Benito.

How would it do to number instead

of naming children until they reach

an age when their bodies and minds

are developed and their characteris-

tics displayed beyond a doubt? While

as a rule the present system may work

all right not often the names given

are a sort of misfit. It is rather incon-

gruous that hot, quick-tempered

woman should bear the name of Pa-
tience, or that one tipping the scale

at 25 pounds should be known as

Tiny, Lily, Daisy or Birdie. And so

with men. It makes one smile that

some poor creature who dare not call

his son his own has such a misfit

name as Lycus, that one mentally

deficient should go through the world

as Selen, that a domineering and un-

charitable egoist should be introduc-

ed to society as Abraham Lincoln,

and that a George Washington should

be a mean, low-down dolt. The an-

cient Jews and other nations gave

names that reflected some charac-

teristic or that spoke of some notable

achievement, and not often they

changed a man's name. Such a prac-

tice cannot well be followed in these

days, but it might be well for some

parents to show greater discrimina-

tion in the names they give their chil-

dren and not weight them down

through life with absurdity.

Not Enough of It.

From the Chicago Tribune.

"Our Extremist Contemporaries."

"The Science of Phonology."

"Trespassers on These Grounds
Will Be Vigorously Prosecuted."

"Any Friend My Husband Brings
to Dinner is Welcome, Mr. Sykes."

"Speaking Likeness."

"Doctor of Philosophy."

WITH EXCHANGES

Law Enforcement.

Memphis Commercial Appeal:

If men were as eager for law enforcement as they are sympathetic for lawbreakers, the business of killing would stop, or would be reduced to the minimum that is found in such countries as England, where men—the kings, dukes, or peasants—recognize the law as having authority unbreakable and inviolate.

From Pig to Forker.

Breckenridge Democrat: